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Public Meeting on Maritime Security Regulations

The U.S. Coast Guard is holding a series of Public Meetings to discuss requirements for security assessments, plans, and specific security measures for ports, vessels, and facilities. These meetings are being held in order to facilitate the development of vessel, facility and port security regulations mandated by the recently enacted Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA).

A meeting in Cleveland is scheduled for Thursday, 30 January 2003 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Cleveland City Centre Hotel at 777 St. Clair Ave, Cleveland.

Discussions will aid the Coast Guard in determining the types of vessels and facilities that pose a risk of being involved in a transportation security incident, and in identifying security measures and standards to deter such incidents.

Interested individuals and organizations are encouraged to attend the meetings and submit comments. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may submit comments. Instructions for submitting comments are included in the Notice. Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard by February 28, 2003.

This will be the only real opportunity available to the maritime industry to influence the development of these important regulations, due to the extremely tight deadline imposed by Congress.

Additional details can be found in the Federal Register Volume 67, Number 250, dated December 30, 2002, beginning on page 79742. You may access the Federal Register at the following web site:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2002/pdf/02-32845.pdf>

Sincerely,

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